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Winter observations of butterflies in Tunisia – First complement

(Lepidoptera, Rhopalocera)

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Further to the reading of the paper of BONESS & SCHMITZ (2002), I wish to add some information regarding Tunisian butterflies observed during wintertime. I had an opportunity for professional reasons to travel to Tunisia. I arrived in Tunis in the morning of 17.1.2001. The weather was cloudy with a temperature of 17 °C. I drove to Sousse under the same weather. Arriving in Sousse, the weather was a bit better, and I was able to see four butterflies. The day next (i. e. on 18.1.2001), I drove to Sidi Bou Said; the weather was beautiful with 20 °C.

The present list of the few observed butterflies during my short trip is as follows:

S Sousse, 17.–18.1.2001

B Sidi Bou Said, 18.1.2001

T Tunis, 18.1.2001

Family Pieridae

Pieris (Artogeia) rapae LINNAEUS, 1758

S: 1 ex.; B: 2 ex.; T: 2 ex.

Family Nymphalidae

Vanessa atalanta LINNAEUS, 1758

S: 1 ex.; B: 2 ex.; T: 1 ex.

Vanessa cardui LINNAEUS, 1758

S: 1 ex.; B: 1 ex.

Lasiommata megera LINNAEUS, 1767

S: 1 ex.; B: 2 ex.

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